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Steve E. Hoffman : No.: 9436-9
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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF MISSING PARTS

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application, which was mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office on October 26, 2001, setting a two month period for response. A petition for a two month extension of time accompanies this response. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Enclosed is a check for \$265.00 to cover the extension fee and the late submission of a signed declaration fee. Please charge any additional fee associated with this response and credit any over charge to Deposit Account No. 50-0573.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.8(a)

I hereby certify that this paper, along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed, is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date indicated below, with sufficient postage, as first class mail, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

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Response

Accompanying this response are the following items:

- Executed Declaration and Power of Attorney;
- Copy of Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application;
- Petition for Extension of Time;
- Assignment and Recordation Cover Sheet; and
- Corrected drawings.

Remarks

The application was filed with an unsigned Declaration and Power of Attorney. In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application, Applicant submits herewith a completed Declaration and Power of Attorney.

The Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application also noted an informality in the margins of the drawings. Applicant submits herewith corrected drawings having the proper margins as required by 37 CFR 1.84. No new matter has been added to the application.

An early action on the application is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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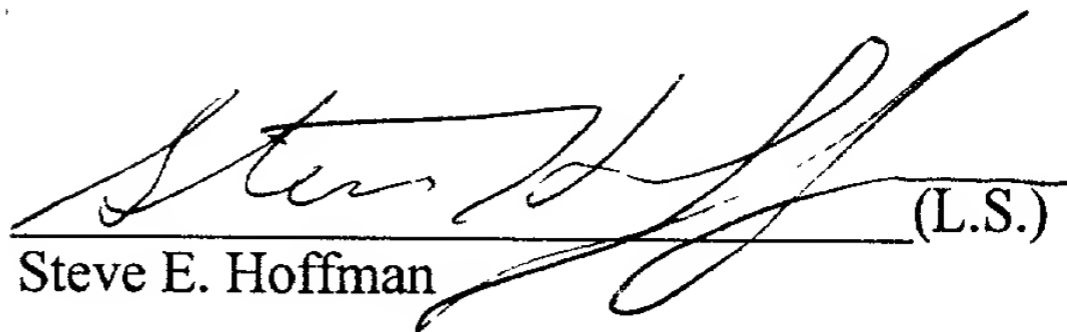
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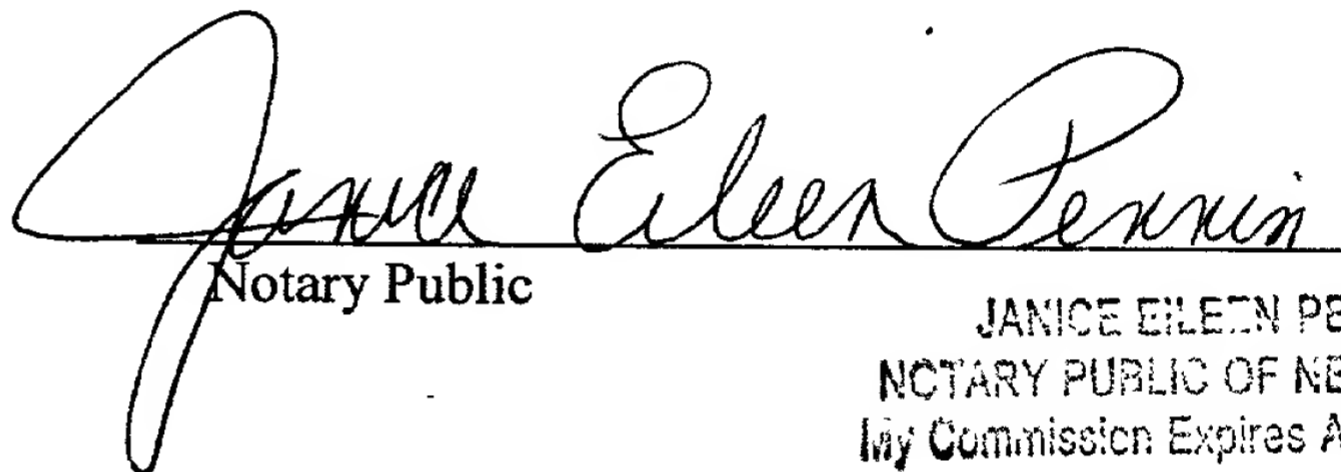
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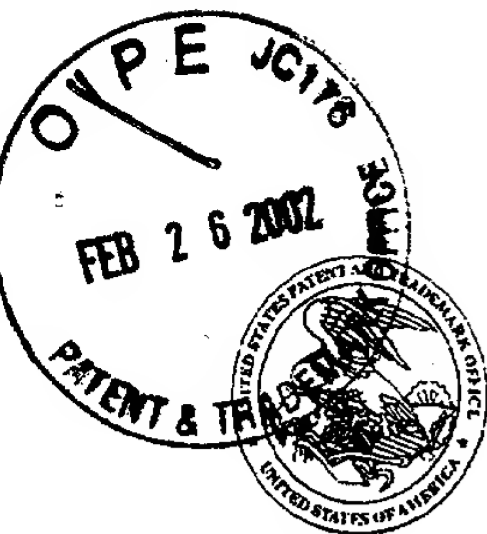
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Before me, a notary public, in and for the State and County aforesaid, on this 30th day of January, 2002 personally appeared **Steve E. Hoffman** who being to me personally known, and who having first executed the foregoing instrument in my presence and having been by me first duly sworn, did acknowledge the foregoing instrument as his free deed and act, signed, sealed and delivered by him for the purpose therein stated and intending to be legally bound thereby and intending that said instrument be recorded.


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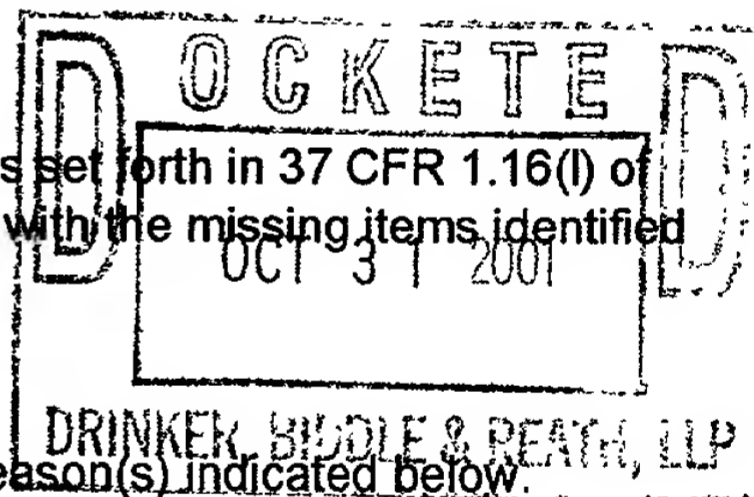
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Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 65.



The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
 - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);

A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.